

BACK TO THE TENSES



**PAST, PRESENT,
FUTURE**

PRESENT SIMPLE

WE USE THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE WHEN AN ACTION IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, OR WHEN IT HAPPENS REGULARLY.



MARTY ----- A TIME MACHINE. [DRIVE]

DOC ----- MANY THINGS. [INVENT]

THE TIME MACHINE ----- A CAR. [BE]

MARTY ----- AT HIGH SCHOOL. [STUDY]

RULE:

HE / SHE / IT = VERB + S, VERB + ES, VERB + IES

WE / YOU / WE / THEY = NO S / ES / IES

HAVE AND HAS

THE VERBS 'HAS' AND 'HAVE'
ARE TWO DIFFERENT FORMS OF
THE PRESENT TENSE OF THE
VERB 'TO HAVE.'



MARTY _____ A RED JACKET. **HAVE**

DOC _____ MANY CLOCKS. **HAVE**

MARTY AND DOC _____ A TIME MACHINE. **HAVE**

I _____ AN ENGLISH TEST SOON! **HAVE**

RULE:

HE/SHE/IT = HAS

I/YOU/WE/ THEY = HAVE

GET AND GETS

THESE TWO TERMS COME FROM THE VERB TO GET. GET AND GETS ARE USED IN THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE.



MARTY ----- TO SCHOOL LATE EVERYDAY. **GET**

DOC ----- VERY EXCITED ABOUT TIME TRAVEL.. **GET**

MARTY AND DOC ----- STUCK IN THE PAST. **GET**

I ----- A GOOD SCORE ON MY TEST. **GET**

RULE:

HE/SHE/IT = GETS

I/YOU/WE/ THEY = GET

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

WE USE THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS
TO TALK ABOUT THINGS WHICH HAVE
BEGUN BUT HAVEN'T FINISHED. THEY
ARE OFTEN HAPPENING NOW, AT
THIS MOMENT



MARTY ----- THE CAR AT 88MPH. [DRIVE]

DOC ----- THE CLOCK TOWER. [CLIMB]

MARTY AND DOC ----- BACK TO 1955. [TRAVEL]

I ----- FOR MY ENGLISH TEST. [STUDY]

RULE:

AM / IS / ARE + VERB + ING

VERB TO BE



WE USE THE VERB TO BE TO TALK ABOUT PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS IN THE PRESENT.



I _____

WE _____



WE _____

THEY _____



SHE _____



IT _____

RULE:

BE = AM / IS / ARE